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Worthy Sir,

I Have sent you here inclosed a Copy of the Votes of the Officers at a Councell of War, and the Petition of the common Souldiers, delivered by their Adjutants from the

th Regiments to the General, since which, the grand Committee of Souldiers have received some further Propositions, which when they are perfected, I will advertise you further of.

There were a party of Souldiers sent from hence to *Holmby*, who had Instructions for setting of a a Guard about *Holmby*, to secure his Majesties Person; and we have received advertisements of their performing the same with much modesty, and offering nothing but what becomes loyall Subjects to His Majesty, and they carry themselves very civilly to the Commissioners, who are there by order of both Houses of Parliament with the King, we here that the Commissioners have sent up Captaine *Titus*, one of hii Majesties Querries, with Letters to the Parliament, to acquaint them therewith. Colonell *Graves* some say is gone, but of that you will be better satisfied from Captain *Titus*, who can acquaint you with the small matter of hurt which was at the fray there, which perhaps some ill affected person will make a great matter of.

The Souldiers are in great expectation what the Parliament will doe; some things they have to propound, for ought I see, they will wave part, till they here from the Parliament. This is all at present from

Your servant,

Edmonds Bury, 3 of June, 1647.

R. CORBET.

To his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax* Knight, Commander in Chiefe of the Parliaments Forces.

The Opinion and humble Advise of the Councell of Warre, convened at Bury, *Saterday* 29. May. 1647. *In relation to the Votes of Parliament, communicated to us by your Excellency and the desires of our advice thereof.*

Humbly Sheweth,

1. THat upon the reports come to all quarters of the Army concerning the Votes and proceedings of the House *May* 21. As also of those on Tuesday, *May* 25. we find the generallity of the Army (as we are our selves) much unsatisfied in the one, and something amazed and startled at the other. the first Votes (of Friday) comming much short of satisfaction as to the grievances of the Army then reported to the House; and not taking any notice at all of some that were most materiall, & the latter (of Tuesday) importing a resolution suddenly to disband the Army by peace-meale, before equall satisfaction be given to the whole in any of the grievances, or so much as any consideration had of some others most materiall: And also before any effectuall performance of that satisfaction with the Votes of Friday seemed to promise as to some of the grievances, all which we shall be readie (upon a little time given us) to represent to your Excellency more distinctly and in particular.

2. That the said distraction, and the jealousies occasioned upon the same proceeding, as we feare, and some effects already appearing doe find, may unhappily produce dangerous disturbances and tumultuous actings amongst severall parts of the Army, as they now lie dispersed and remote from the Head quarters, especially amongst those Regiments whose principall Officers, by neglecting or disserting their Soldiers in in their necessary concernments or iust grievances, have disobleiged their Soldiers, and lost their interest with them in so much as such Officers are in some sort forced to withdraw from their charges, and can scarce with safety come at them, & to prevent the inconveniencies or ill consequences which such distu bed or tumultuous actings might produce either to the countrys where the Army quarters or to the kingdom,

We humbly advise your Excellency without delay, to draw the Army unto a closer posture of quarters, till upon further satisfaction the Army may be quietly and orderly disbanded.

II.

That upon the same dissatisfaction and jealousie we find an extream earnestnesse, and violent propensity among the Soldiers to a generall Randezvouze and wee verily beleeve, that the first attempt to disband any one Regiment, before equall satisfaction to all, and assurance against those things they have cause to feare, will occasion them all to draw together, and Kandevouze of themselves, as it were upon an Allarm &c.

III.

Since that course of disbanding the Army by piece meale, before the satisfaction intended be performed equally to the whle, seems something strange and unusuall.

IIII.

That they would be pleased to resume the things voted on Tuesday last, as also to resume the grievances of the Army, together with the things proposed in the Narrative from the Officers, and to give satisfaction, or at least some resolution to each of them, and that they would not think it fit to put that temtation, those jealousies, and that dishonour upon the Army, as to take it disbanded in scattered pieces, before satisfaction be equally given to the whole.

To

To his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, Knight, Captaine, Generall of the forces rayſed by the *Authority* of Parliament.

The humble Petition of the Souldiers of the Army, preſented to his Excellency at a Councel of Warre, held at St. Edmunſburye on Saturday 29 May 1647,

Humbly Sheweth,

THat we yovr Petitioners conſidering the late Orders for disbanding the Army without redreſſing our grievances, vindicating the Army, or calling to accompt ſuch perſons who have been intenders contrivers, and promoters of our deſtruction which (being but reaſonable) we humbly conceive we may juſtly expect and ſhould not be denyed before our disbanding, conſidering alſo the ſtrange unheard of, and unuſuall way of disbanding us a part one Regiment from another, contrary to the examples of other Armies, disbanding in this kingdome: which poſture renders us ſuſpiſious to the kingdome, to whom for ſome of our Accompts (though humble and iuſt) we have already been declared enemies, and to whom (for ought we know) the reſt of our doing, may be preſented with the ſame conſtructions.

We your Petitioners humbly beſeech your Excellencie, you would be pleaſed to appoint a Randezvouze ſpeedily for the Army, and alſo to uſe your utmoſt endeavours that it be not disbanded before our ſad and preſſing grievances be heard, and fully redreſſed; which if not done before disbanding, wee humbly conceive we ſhall be enforced upon many inconveniencies, which will (of neceſſity) ariſe, when we (though unwilling) ſhall be neceſſitated (for avoyding of deſtruction like to fall on the whole Army, if not prevented) to do ſuch things our ſelves; which if your Excellencie (out of your wiſdome and prudence) ſhall prevent, by granting our juſt deſires in a way of Order, we ſhall abundantly rejoyce in it, and be (with cheerfulneſſe) enabled by it, to ſubſcribe our ſelves,

Your Excellencies, and the Kingdomes innocent and faithfull ſervants, whoſe names are hereunto annexed, being Agitaters in behalf of the ſeverall Regiments.

Edward Sexby.	Adjutators of the Generals Regiment
Edward Taylor.	of Horse.
William Allen	Lieutenant Generals
Sam: whiting.	Regiment,
Tho: Shepheard,	Commissary Generals
Anth. Nickson,	Regiment.
Edward Twig,	Colonell Fleetwoods
Thomas Jones,	Regiment.
Thomas Kendall,	Colonell Whaleyes
William Young,	Regiment.
Edward Starre,	Colonell Sheffields
Edward Gethings	Regiment,
John Willoughby,	Colonell Butlers
Tobias Box,	Regiment
Thomas Brown,	Colonell Sir Robert Pyes
Barth. Wallock.	Regiment,
George Steuson,	Colonell Graves his
Richard Salter.	Regiment.
Nicholas Lockyer,	Colonell Riches
John Braman,	Regiment.
Edward Vaughan,	Of the Generels Regiment
John Newson,	of Foot.
Robert Mason,	Colonell Wallers
Henry Anderton,	Regiment,
Nicholas Andrews	Colonell Harlowes
Ralph Prentice,	Regiment.
Herbert Field	Colonell Lilburnes
Thomas Walston,	Regiment.
Edward Garn,	Colonel Hewsons
Daniel Hincksman	Regiment.
William Baker,	Colonell Lambarts
	Regiment.

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